

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5496-9]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared October 26, 1998 Through October 30, 1998 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 10, 1998 (62 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65307-WA Rating *LO, Sand Ecosystem Restoration Project, Implementation, Leavenworth Range District, Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan County, WA.

SUMMARY: EPA used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of the action. Based upon the screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. Therefore, EPA will not be conducting a detailed review.

ERP No. D-BLM-K67048-AZ Rating EO2, Yarnell Gold Mining Project, Construction and Operation an Open-pit Gold Mine and Ore Processing Facility, Yavapai County, AZ.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental objections due to potential significant adverse impacts to air quality, noise, and the stability of the proposed North Waste Rock Dump (NWRD). PM10 emissions from the project would result in concentrations far exceeding the maximum allowable increase over the baseline concentration (increment) for PM10. EPA recommended control measures and monitoring at the mine. EPA also recommended that the NWRD be eliminated from the project and that the BLM select Alternative 3 as the preferred alternative. EPA recommended that additional information be provided in the FEIS regarding geochemistry; waste rock sampling and handling; monitoring; reclamation bonding; socioeconomic impacts; and mitigation for impacts to air and water quality and noise and blasting impacts.

ERP No. DS-AFS-L67004-ID Rating EO2, Thompson Creek Mine (TCM), Updated Information, Prevent and/or Control Potential Acid-Rock Drainage,

Plan of Operations Approval, Custer County, ID.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental objections based on the narrow scope of the alternatives analysis and predicted adverse water quality effects. EPA requested additional information regarding embankment stability and uncertainties associated with the modeling predictions.

ERP No. DS-BLM-J03011-00 Rating LO, TransColorado Gas Pipeline Transmission Project, Updated Resource Information, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, COE Section 404 and 10 Permits, Right-of-Way Grants and Special Use Permit, La Plata, Delta, Dolores, Garfield, Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose, Rio Blanco, San Miguel Counties, CO and San Juan County, NM.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed lack of environmental objections.

ERP No. D2-BLM-J65212-WY Rating EC2, Newcastle Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Updated Information, Evaluates Alternatives for the Use of Public/Federal Lands and Resources in Portions of Wyoming, Crook, Niobrara and Weston Counties, WY.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential impacts to air quality, water quality and habitat. EPA suggested the Final EIS include analysis of the environmental impacts for all alternatives.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-DOI-K40222-TT. Palau Compact Road Construction, Implementation, Funding, Republic of Palau, Babeldaob Island, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

SUMMARY: EPA continued to express environmental concerns regarding the potential direct and long term impacts of the Palau Compact Road. EPA supported the position of the US Department of the Interior's, that road construction should not begin until long term protection of environmental mitigation sites has been approved by the Republic of Palau.

Dated: November 10, 1998.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed November 2, 1998 Through November 6, 1998 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 980452, Legislative Draft EIS, USA, AK, Alaska Army Lands Withdrawal Renewal for Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely West Training Area, Approval of Permits and Licenses, City of Fairbanks, City of North Pole and City of Delta Junction, North Star Borough, AK, *Due:* February 7, 1999, *Contact:* Anthony Rekas (703) 614-4991.

EIS No. 980453, Draft EIS, NPS, TX, Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, Package 227, General Management Plan, Implementation, Blanco and Gillespie Counties, TX, *Due:* December 28, 1998, *Contact:* Leslie Starhart (303) 969-2719.

EIS No. 980455, Draft EIS, NPS, NB, SD, Missouri National Recreational River, General Management Plan, Implementation, Cedar and Dixon Counties, NB and Yakton, Clay and Union Counties, SD, *Due:* January 12, 1999, *Contact:* Michael Madell (402) 221-3493.

EIS No. 980456, Draft EIS, FHW, UT, Southeast Highland Drive, Improvements from 9400 South to I-15 Sandy City and Drape City, Salt Lake County, UT, *Due:* January 11, 1999, *Contact:* Tom Allen (801) 963-0182.

EIS No. 980457, Draft EIS, BLM, UT, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan, Implementation, Cedar City, UT, *Due:* February 12, 1999, *Contact:* Peter Wilkins (435) 865-5100.

EIS No. 980458, Final EIS, GSA, NY, Governors Island Disposition of Surplus Federal Real Property, Implementation, Upper New York Bay, NY, *Due:* December 14, 1998, *Contact:* Peter A. Sneed (212) 264-3581.

EIS No. 980459, Draft EIS, USA, ND, Maple River Dam and Reservoir, Construction and Operation, Flood Control, Cass County Joint Water Resource District, Cass County, ND, *Due:* December 28, 1998, *Contact:* Col. Chris Conrad (703) 695-7824.

EIS No. 980460, Draft EIS, AFS, MT, Clancy-Unionville Vegetation Manipulation and Travel Management Project, Implementation, Helena National Forest, Helena Ranger District,